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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Bunker's Ninth Weekly (Saigon 29059), 28 June 1967

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1. The first seventeen paragraphs (just over four pages) are worth your skimming. In them Bunker casts his balance sheet (which is very similar to ours), noting military and political gains, some improvement in ARVN performance, some momentum in pacification, and a Chieu Hoi rate running almost double that of last year. Against these plusses, Bunker sets the obvious minuses, winding up on a note of cautious confidence after outlining (in paragraph 16) a hotatory list of essential tasks.

2. Paragraphs 18-34 discuss the presidential campaign, Ky's promises of better behavior, the Thieu-Ky rivalry, the vice-presidential candidates, Big Minh, the Senate races and Foreign Minister Do.

3. Paragraphs 35-38 discuss the GVN's politically motivated gestures toward the Montagnards. Paragraph 39 comes back to the Thieu-Ky rivalry, and paragraph 40 talks about the electoral law. Paras 41-45 discuss the local Saigon press. The remainder of the cable reviews economic matters (46-47), Vietnamese administration (48-49), Chieu Hoi figures (50-51) and casualty statistics (52).

George A. Carver, Jr.
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